

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

PUBLIC SERVICES – SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district at Sangareddy, now under suspension – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges – Issued.

(SOCIAL WELFARE (SER.III.2) DEPARTMENT)

G.O.Rt.No. 436

Dated:16-06-2012.

-oOo-

ORDER :-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district at Sangareddy, now under suspension in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district at Sangareddy, now under suspension is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of her defence. She is also to state whether she desires to be heard in person.

4. Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district at Sangareddy, now under suspension is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district at Sangareddy, now under suspension is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Attention of Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district at Sangareddy, now under suspension is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these

P.T.O...

// 2 //

proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district at Sangareddy, now under suspension is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

Enclosures : I to IV Annexure

To
Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district at Sangareddy, now under suspension (through the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad)

Copy to :-

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P. Hyderabad
(with a request to serve the copy on the individual and send the served copy to Government.
The Social Welfare (Ser.I) Department.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –I

Statement of Articles of charges framed against Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director Social Welfare Medak District at Sangareddy (now under suspension)

* *** *

That Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha joined in Government service on 15-04-2002 as Assistant Section Officer in AP Secretariat Service. On 08-03-2007 as District Social Welfare Officer recruited under Group-I service and she was promoted as Deputy Director, Social Welfare on 20-2-2009. The Accused Officer worked as Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district since 20-2-2009 to 6-9-2010. While working as Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district from 20-2-2009 to 6-9-2010 (i.e. the date of suspension) she committed grave misconduct in as much as (1) she failed to submit her Annual Property Returns to the Department showing possession of movable and immovable properties during her service, (2) she failed to give proper account for the amount of Rs.1,49,000/- found in her house on the date of trap (6-9-2010) and thereby failed to maintain absolute integrity in violation of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 9 (7) & Rule 9 (8) (A), 3 (1) (2) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

**J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – II

Statement showing the Imputation of mis-conduct in support of the articles of charges framed against Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak District at Sangareddy

*** * * * ***

That Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district is a native of Dagadarthy village and mandal of Nellore district. Her date of birth is 01-06-1977. She joined in Government service on 15-04-2002 as Assistant Section Officer in AP Secretariat Service. Subsequently she was recruited as District Social Welfare Officer on 08-03-2007 under Group-I Service. She was promoted as Deputy Director Social Welfare on 20-2-2009. The Accused Officer has worked as Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district from 20-2-2009 to 6-9-2010 (i.e. date of her suspension). While working in the aforesaid capacity she was placed under suspension w.e.f. 06-09-2010 vide G.O.Rt.No.758, dated:17-9-2010 of Social Welfare (Ser.III.2) Department at the instance of Anti-Corruption Bureau. Her date of Superannuation is 31-05-2035. She is herein referred as Government Servant (GS).

Where as on 02-09-2010 at 1700 hours Sri Swargam Rajesham S/o Bonthaiah, aged 49 years, occ. Hostel Welfare Officer, SC Boys Hostel, Gajwel of Medak district came to Anti-Corruption Bureau office Sangareddy and lodged a complaint with Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nizamabad Range, camp at Sangareddy against the G.S. alleging that the G.S. is demanding bribe of Rs.15,000/- for releasing 2nd quarter budget pertaining to diet charges of hostel boarders.

As such a case in Cr No.7/RCT-NZB/2010 u/s 7 of PC Act 1988 was registered on 6-9-2010 at 1100 hours and the Government Servant was trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials on the same day i.e. on 6-9-2010 at 5.00 PM after she demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.15,000/- from Sri Swargam Rajesham.

During the course of investigation a letter was addressed to the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad to furnish the copies of the Annual Property Returns filed by the Government Servant. On which the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad vide letter No.A1/10080/2010, dated: 24-9-2010 informed that the Government Servant has not filed any Annual Property return during her tenure hence a nil report was given in this regard. As per the Rule 9 (7) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 every Government Servant has to file Annual Property Returns in the prescribed proforma by the end of the each year intimating the movable and immovable properties held by her to the head of the department with out fail.

During trap, simultaneous searches were conducted at the house of the Accused Officer at Hyderabad. A net cash of Rs.1,49,000/- was found in the house of the AO and she failed to give satisfactory account for the cash found in her house.

Thus Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, the then Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak district, by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a public servant and thereby contravened Rule 9 (7) & Rule 9 (8) (A), 3 (1) (2) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

P.T.O...

// 2 //

Thus the Government Servant has rendered herself liable for regular departmental action for a Major Penalty.

**J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - III

List of documents by which the article of charges framed against Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak District.

* * * * *

1. Lr. A1/10080/2010, dated: 24-9-2010 of the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh., Hyderabad.
2. Inventory proceedings drafted at F.No.202, Susheela residency, Gandinagar, Musheerabad under the occupation of the Accused Officer.

Note: Any other document if found necessary will be produced during the course of the Inquiry.

**J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - IV

List of witnesses by whom the article of charges framed Smt. M.Laxmi Sudha, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Medak District.

* *** *

1. Sri K.Praveen Kumar, IAS, Commissioner of Social Welfare Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
2. Sri P.Somaraju Deputy Director, Social Welfare I/c of Medak district.
3. Sri. K.Sudarshan Reddy, Deputy Superintendent of Police Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nizamabad Range, Nizamabad.
4. Sri I.Bheemraj & Sri P. Jaswanth Naidu (Mediators)
5. Sri B.Somnarayan Singh, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Medak district at Sangareddy of Nizamabad Range.

Note: Any other witnesses if found necessary will be produced during the course of the Inquiry.

**J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER